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**SENT VIA EMAIL: [80704-99294556@muckrock.com](mailto:80704-99294556@muckrock.com)**

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### **RECEIPT OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

Dear Mr. Durso:

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated September 23, 2019, for a copy of the following:

"UCRL-50239, a document produced at the then Lawrence Radiation Laboratory as part of the "Nth country Experiment". the document may (unclear) be dated December 14, 1966. Please include any appendices, attachments, etc. If this isn't on file from a previous request, you may limit your search to LLNL, LANL, SNL and if necessary the associated field offices and/or DOE and NNSA HQ."

Your request was received in this office on September 25, 2019.

It is the practice of the National Nuclear Security Administration, in accordance with Departmental policy, to process FOIA requests in the approximate order of the date received by this office. Your request is out for a search for responsive records. A number of requests received prior to yours are pending, and your request will be processed in turn. Please note that for fee purposes, "unusual circumstances" as defined in the Open Government Act of 2007 occur, as there is a need to search for or collect records from facilities geographically separated from this office. We will make every effort to respond to your request as quickly as possible. However, we estimate that we will not be able to provide a response in 20 working days, as we need more time to complete the search, review the record(s) for release, and prepare the response to you, as some requests, depending on the volume of records, the complexity of the search, and/or the sensitivity of the subject matter, require additional time to complete.

In your FOIA submission, you agreed to pay fees up to \$ 50.00 for processing your request. We will notify you if the cost will exceed your agreed amount and will hold your request pending agreement to pay.

If you have questions concerning the processing of your request, please contact me by email Kristen.Duran@nnsa.doe.gov, or write to the address above and reference Control Number FOIA 19-00355-KD

You may also contact NNSA's FOIA Public Liaison, Pamela Arias-Ortega, FOIA Officer, Office of the General Counsel, at 1-866-747-5994, or by mail at Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of the General Counsel, PO Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185 for further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA Mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20704, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristen Duran".

Kristen Duran  
FOIA/PA Specialist